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SUBJECT: VISIT OF CONGRESSMAN RICHMOND

1. CONGRESSMAN FREDERICK RICHMOND, D-NY, PLANS TO VISIT BRAZIL MARCH 16-19, FOLLOWING HIS TRIP TO BUENOS AIRES TO ATTEND U.N. WATER CONFERENCE (MARCH 14-16). THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING BRAZIL'S COFFEE MARKETING POLICIES AND TO VISIT PRODUCTION AREAS. SPECIFICALLY CONGRESSMAN RICHMOND WISHES TO MEET WITH IBC PRESIDENT CALAZANS, TALK WITH EXPORTERS, AND TOUR AREAS DAMAGED BY 1975 FROST -- ESPECIALLY PARANA. IN THE COURSE OF THE TRIP HE WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO PLANTERS, BOTH LARGE AND SMALL.

2. ASIDE FROM STATE DEPT, THE CONGRESSMAN HAS ALSO
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REQUESTED IBC WASHINGTON REP SAM STAVISKY FOR ASSISTANCE IN MAKING TRIP ARRANGEMENTS. STAVISKY HAS INFORMED US THAT HE HAS CONVEYED THE CONGRESSMAN'S REQUESTS (AS OUTLINED IN PARA 1 ABOVE) TO CALAZAN'S OFFICE IN BRASILIA. STAVISKY BELIEVES THAT IBC WILL BE COOPERATIVE.

3. IN ORDER TO ASSURE COORDINATION AND AVOID DUPLICATION

OF EFFORT, WE SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY CONTACT CALAZAN'S OFFICE IN BRASILIA TO DETERMINE WHAT ARRANGEMENTS IBC IS

PREPARED TO MAKE, IF ANY. SINCE IBC IS BETTER EQUIPPED TO ARRANGE A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM, EMBASSY MAY WISH TO LIMIT ITS ASSISTANCE TO PROVIDING ESCORT ON FIELD TRIPS TO PARANA AND SANTOS.

4. IF, ON OTHER HAND, IBC IS UNABLE ASSIST IN PROGRAM, EMBASSY/CONGEN SAO PAULO SHOULD ARRANGE FIELD TRIP TO FROST-DAMAGED AREA OF PARANA AND MEETINGS WITH COFFEE EXPORTERS IN SANTOS.

5. DETAILS ON TRAVEL PLANS OF CONGRESSMAN RICHMOND AND HIS STAFF WILL DEPEND LARGELY ON PROGRAM WHICH IS DEVELOPED. HOWEVER THE CONGRESSMAN TENTATIVELY PLANS TO ARRIVE IN BRAZIL -- PORT OF ENTRY WILL DEPEND ON ITINERARY -- AFTERNOON OR EVENING OF MARCH 16. HE PLANS TO REMAIN IN BRAZIL THROUGH THE MORNING OF MARCH 19.

6. AN ADVANCE MAN FROM THE CONGRESSMAN'S STAFF, ROBERT MAZESS, PLANS TO LEAVE NEW YORK MARCH 10, ARRIVING IN RIO FOLLOWING DAY. HE WILL REMAIN IN BRAZIL THROUGH MARCH 19. ANOTHER STAFFER, GLEN VAN BUREN, WILL PROBABLY ARRIVE WITH CONGRESSMAN RICHMOND ON MARCH 16 AND REMAIN WITH HIM THROUGH THE 19TH.

7. IN VIEW OF SHORT LEAD TIME, SUGGEST EMBASSY MAKE APPROPRIATE HOTEL RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS PROGRAM IS UNCLASSIFIED

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FIRM. REQUEST REPORT ON STATUS OF EMBASSY/IBC ARRANGEMENTS NO LATER THAN COB MARCH 9 SO THAT WE CAN CONVEY SAME TO MAZESS BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOLLOWING DAY.
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